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Sam. May Jr
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Dear Mr. May —

I have put you up a parcel of about 2250 tracts — such as we have. ~~could spare~~. We send by Thompson & Co's Express. — are nearly out of Nos. 2. & 3. I send you Nos. 1. 4. 5. 6. 7. & 9. (& not published). We shall be glad to send you more, bye & bye, & shall be glad of such a contribution to the Fract Fund from Syracuse as you shall think good to make. [* The tracts, large & small, average us rather over One cent each.]

I write in very great haste, from necessity, & cannot reply to your particular inquiries about Douglass particularly. Nor could I, under any circumstances, without giving an amount of time to looking up the evidence, i.e. that I cannot

give. Besides I have
no stomach for the work.
I have never kept a record
of F. Douglas's life & career;
I have watched it only as I
have that of others connected
with the cause. I am
perfectly satisfied that he is
an unprincipled fellow, —
selfish, heartless, overbearing,
ungrateful to his best friends,
& caring for nobody save as
they can be made instrumental
to his own ends.

Your letter came here in
my absence - & being directed also to
Mr. Wallcut, he opened it (of course) -
McGaurin & Mr Phillips saw it.
They strongly would dissuade you
from having any controversy or
conflict with F. Douglass; - he is,

they say (& most truly, I believe) a wily, crafty man, who would by his arts cajole & deceive an audience - suppressing circumstances of truth, & gilding the error he had to confess; and these promiscuous audiences are not the proper tribunals to listen to evidence, & to decide accordingly. Their decided advice is that you (& all our friends) should not enter into any public personal controversy with him. - He is a bad & malignant man, egged on by a bad & malignant woman; two such diviners can destroy much good.

As I happen to have the ~~said~~ extracts from Mrs. Chapman's letter to R D Webb, of which Douglas has told so many lies, I send them to you herewith; - still I am very strong in the impression that I sent you an exact copy of them a year or two

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ago. I have not time to copy these, so I send for your inspection the only copy I have. Please return it to me, at 21 Cornhill, as soon as you conveniently can. —

Douglass was advised not to set up a separate paper, by Garrison, Phillips, others, as it would inevitably (it was believed) sink all his means & more; & if he had a taste for editing, the uncontrolled use of a portion of the "Standard" was offered him, with a compensation for what editorial labor he did, & a renewal of the engagement as a Lectg. Agt. of the Society. Full proof of that.

His own paper furnishes the proof of what he said about our keeping Pillsbury & others from the N.Y. meeting 2 years ago, in order not to appear nibidel in the eyes of British abolitionists. —

W.W. Brown will give the facts about F.D.'s letter to Mrs. Richardson of Newcastle

We look forward to your visit to N. Eng'd, again with the boy. — Sarah is still very poorly,

In haste, with love to all,
Yrs. S.M.P.